



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 5

Senate, March 29, 2006

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO PRESERVE
PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS EARNED BY
RETIREES.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, some employers in Connecticut and in other states have
2 reduced or eliminated, or sought to reduce or eliminate, pension and
3 health insurance benefits promised by such employers to their retirees,
4 on which promises such retirees relied, and which promises induced
5 such retirees to continue their employment with those employers
6 instead of seeking employment elsewhere; and

7 WHEREAS, the trend toward the reduction or elimination of
8 pension and health insurance benefits of retirees threatens the health
9 and welfare of some senior citizens in Connecticut and threatens to
10 impose an onerous financial burden on the state to provide health care,
11 housing and other necessities of life that would otherwise have been
12 provided by such reduced or eliminated pension or health insurance
13 benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1974 the United States Congress enacted and the
15 President signed into law the Employee Retirement Income Security
16 Act, also known as "ERISA", codified at 29 USC 1001, et seq., as
17 amended, which governs matters related to pensions and retirement
18 benefits offered by most nongovernmental employers to their
19 employees.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
21 General Assembly calls upon the United States Congress to amend
22 ERISA, or to enact or amend other appropriate federal law, to prohibit
23 employers from reducing or eliminating pension or health insurance
24 benefits of their retired employees, and calls upon each member of the
25 Connecticut Congressional delegation to take immediate action to
26 encourage the United States Congress to act in accordance with this
27 resolution; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerks of the House of
29 Representatives and the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be
30 sent to the President and each member of the Connecticut
31 Congressional delegation.

GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There will be a minimal cost associated with mailing copies of the resolution to the President of the United States and each member of the Connecticut Congressional delegation.

The minimal cost associated with the mailing of this resolution can be handled within normal budgetary resources.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SJ 5*****RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO PRESERVE
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RETIREES.*****SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

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